

No. R-475. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners.

(S.C.R.60)

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Beyor of Highgate, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Deen of Westminster, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton.

Whereas, annually since 1970, the New England office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has presented Merit Awards to organizations and to individuals, and

Whereas, in 2014, two Vermonters passionately dedicated to the well-being of Lake Champlain, siblings Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler, are among the individual winners of this award in recognition of their environmental advocacy and leadership, and

Whereas, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are co-owners of the Tyler Place Family Resort, a unique family vacation destination on the shores of Lake Champlain that has been associated with the Tyler and Hill families for five of the resort's six generations, and

Whereas, according to the EPA announcement, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are "well known as fierce and tenacious advocates for protecting Lake Champlain from nonpoint sources of pollution," and

Whereas, Pixley Tyler Hill founded the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, previously known as the Friends of Missisquoi Bay, a nonprofit organization "that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by working collaboratively with citizens, businesses, farmers and government in order to reduce land-use pollution," and

Whereas, both Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are involved in efforts to protect the entire lake and not only its northern section, and

Whereas, each of them is a veteran member of the Lake Champlain Committee, "the only bi-state organization solely dedicated to protecting Lake Champlain's health and accessibility" and that bases its positions on sound science and a whole-lake perspective, and

Whereas, for nearly a decade, Ted Tyler served on the gubernatorially appointed Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain that develops annual policy recommendations on the Lake, and his sister succeeded him on the Committee, and

Whereas, each of the honorees is truly a protector of Lake Champlain for future generations,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners, and *be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pixley Tyler Hill and to Ted Tyler.